

SUMMARY

The above Amendment and following Remarks are responsive to the points raised in the September 29, 2004 Office Action and the Advisory Action of January 14, 2005. Since Applicant believes all claims are allowable upon entry of this Amendment, claims 30-42 have been canceled as drawn to non-elected invention from a Restriction Requirement by the Examiner. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications based on the canceled claims. Claims 7-17 and 43-44 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by *Fedelem et al.* or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fedelem et al.* in view of *Schmitt*. Claims 1, 3-5, and 24-29 were allowed. Claims 18-23 were objected to, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form. Upon entry of this Second Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, claims 7, 19, 43 and 44 will have been amended, claim 18 will have been canceled, and claims 1, 3-5, and 7-17, 19-29, 43 and 44 will remain pending in this application. Entry and consideration of this Second Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 are respectfully requested.

REMARKSResponse to the Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103:

Claims 7-17 and 43-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by *Fedelem et al.* or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fedelem et al.* in view of *Schmitt*. Although Application traverses these rejections, to expedite the prosecution, the twistable limitation has been removed from claims 7 and 43 and the allowable subject matter of claim 18 has been incorporated therein.

**Claims 20-23**

Applicant notes that claims 20-23 were "objected to" in the Advisory Action of January 15, 2005. However, since these claims include limitations drawn to pressurization and depressurization valves, which are not shown in the cited prior art, Applicant does not believe these claims require amendment and believes that they are allowable as written. If Applicant's understanding is incorrect, he would appreciate a call at the below listed number to discuss these claims. Otherwise, Applicant requests a notice of allowability of claims 20-23.

Accordingly, Applicant avers that all claims are patentable over the cited prior art and requests a notice of allowability to that end.

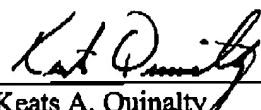
**AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Second Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted

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